

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held December 16, 2003, the Board took the following action:

## 117-E

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"We are living in a large, multicultural society where awareness of different traditions and religious holidays are key to working cohesively and effectively. Some cultural and religious holidays are widely known while others are not. For example, Rosh Hashanah and Christmas Day are widely known; however, the Orthodox Christmas celebration on January 6th and 7th are not. Courts are often petitioned for continuances or exceptions by judges, attorneys or jurors based on these reasons. While it is entirely at the court's discretion to grant or deny such requests, awareness of such holidays could assist the Courts in their course of business as they manage a demanding calendar."

Merritt Holloway addressed the Board.

On motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Board requested the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court to consider awareness of cultural and religious holidays as they manage a demanding calendar.

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